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Court. The discussions are clear and thorough. In connection with the more important decisions such as *McCulloch v. Maryland* and *Gibbons v. Ogden*, ample extracts from the opinions of the court have been inserted to state and explain the *rationes decidendi*; and, in general, the important dissenting opinions are given due attention.

In a few points of mechanical detail, however, the book seems open to adverse comment. A legal work should, by every aid, make clear to the busy lawyer exactly what it contains and where each item is to be found. At the very outset one is likely to be misled because the title of Mr. Judson's book is too comprehensive. It gives no hint that the subject treated is confined to the taxing power under the Federal Constitution. Further, some of the chapter titles seem inapt. To give a single instance, Chapter X. is entitled "The Fourteenth Amendment." One is surprised, therefore, to find that the six chapters following also deal with this amendment. Again, the author has failed to indicate in the table of contents the divisions and subdivisions into which the material of his book logically falls. Finally, it may be doubted whether he has in every instance arranged the material in the best order. Thus at the beginning of Chapter X. he says: "The restraints upon the state power of taxation discussed in the preceding [nine] chapters have been those growing out of the relation of the State to the Federal government." This would hardly seem to be true of Chapter II., which discusses the limitations imposed by the proviso against the impairment of the obligation of contracts.

**MANUAL OF FRENCH LAW AND COMMERCIAL INFORMATION.** By H. Cleveland Coxe. Paris and New York: Brentano's. London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent, & Co. 1902. pp. viii, 292. 12mo.

This little work is precisely what its title suggests, a convenient handbook of French law and commercial usage. It compiles and classifies in small space a mass of miscellaneous practical information that should be of distinct value to those travelling or temporarily residing in France or having business connections there. A vast number of topics are handled, most of them presumably by Mr. Coxe himself, and several, as he states, by contributors who are experts in their respective fields. He also acknowledges his indebtedness to several consular officials, and to others in government or business positions whose sources of information are particularly reliable.

Though containing much that might be of suggestive value to lawyers, the book is ostensibly designed chiefly for the use of laymen. The mode of treatment is accordingly straightforward and clear, sometimes conversational, and always pleasingly free from needless technicality. One who is puzzled merely by some every-day question of French law or trade custom should here find its solution; one whose difficulty, however, is of a more serious character would probably here get little satisfaction.

Appended to the book and occupying thirty pages are various model forms for contracts, leases, notices, and other documents, all of them being inserted in the original French.

**STATUTORY LAW OF CORPORATIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA,** including Annotations and a Complete Set of Forms. By John F. Whitworth and Clarence B. Miller. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson & Co. 1902. pp. xi, 930. 8vo.

This is such a convenient compilation that, in looking through it, one wonders why such a work has not appeared before. The Pennsylvania Statutes collected in it have been enacted during a period of seventy years and are scattered throughout many volumes. They are here arranged in thirty-four chapters. The first chapter is devoted to the General Corporation Act of 1874, as

amended by subsequent enactments; seven others to acts relating to various important topics such as Sale of Franchises, Merger and Consolidation, Dissolution, and Foreign Corporations; and the remaining twenty-six to the laws governing as many different classes of corporations, — for example, Oil Companies, Mining Companies, and Street Railway Companies. In each chapter the acts included are printed in chronological order and form a continuous text, the paragraphs being headed by catch-phrases in heavy type. Ease of reference is further ensured by an exhaustive index covering fifty pages. A valuable feature of the work is a collection of forms prepared for use in complying with the various statutory requirements of Pennsylvania relating to corporations. The book is one which corporation lawyers of that state should find of value.

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PRACTICAL STATUTES, being a Collection of Statutes of Practical Utility in Force in Ontario, with Notes on the Construction and Operation thereof. By James Bicknell and Arthur James Kappelé. Toronto: Goodwin & Co. 1900. pp. xlvii, 925. 8vo.

This volume comprises the British North America Act and such Canadian and Ontario statutes as are of greatest importance in Ontario law. At the end of each statute there are admirably concise annotations collecting the English and the Canadian decisions bearing upon its construction and application. Thus the book appears to be a very convenient work of reference for most matters arising under the statute law of the province. It should consequently prove of considerable value to the lawyer practising in Ontario, but, because of its local character, it would probably be of little service elsewhere. Inasmuch as a large proportion of the decisions rendered at the present day are concerned with statutory matters it is to be regretted that works of this kind are not more common.

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A TREATISE ON COMMERCIAL PAPER AND THE NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS LAW, including the Law relating to Promissory Notes, Bills of Exchange, Checks, Municipal Bonds, and other Negotiable and Non-negotiable Instruments, with an Appendix containing the Negotiable Instruments Law and the English Bills of Exchange Act. By James W. Eaton, Late Lecturer in the Albany Law School and in the Boston University Law School, and Frank B. Gilbert. Albany: Matthew Bender. 1903. pp. xciii, 767. 8vo.

REPORT OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, held at Saratoga Springs, New York, August 27, 28, and 29, 1902. Philadelphia: Dando Printing and Publishing Company. 1902. pp. 870. 8vo.

A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF PRIVATE CORPORATIONS. By Wm. L. Clark and Wm. L. Marshall. St. Paul: Keefe-Davidson Law Book Co. 1901. 3 vols. pp. xxxi, 1-828; xxviii, 829-1716; xxxii, 1717-3038. 8vo.

THE LAW OF REAL PROPERTY and Other Interests in Land. By Herbert Thorndike Tiffany. St. Paul: Keefe-Davidson Company. 1903. 2 vols. pp. xxxiii, 1-828; xv, 829-1589. 8vo.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION FOR THE YEAR 1900-1901. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1902. 2 vols. pp. cxii, 1-1216; vii, 1217-2512. 8vo.

DELAWARE CORPORATIONS. Address by Josiah Marvel before the students of the Department of Finance and Economy of the University of Pennsylvania, May 14th, 1902. 1902. pp. 24.

THE ENCYCLOPÆDIA OF EVIDENCE. Edited by Edgar W. Camp. Vol. I. Los Angeles: L. D. Powell Company. 1902. pp. 1020. 8vo.